

REMARKS

Claims 62-70 and 78 have been canceled, claim 71 has been amended and new claim 79 has been added. Claims 71-77 and 79 are pending in the application.

In the Final Office Action prior to filing the RCE, claims 26-38 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 36-61 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/777,531

In the Final Office Action prior to filing the RCE, claims 36-61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Krum et al.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have canceled claims 36-61 and have added new claims 62-78.

Krum et al. teach a chassis for holding a plurality of hard disk. The chassis includes a RAID controller to provide logical addresses for the plurality of hard disk provided by the hard disk carriers.

However, Krum et al. fail to suggest a system controller and a plurality of high density storage systems disposed within the system controller housing, wherein each of the plurality of high density storage systems further includes a plurality of storage devices arranged linearly within the housing from a front of the housing to a back of the housing that are aggregated as a single storage device address to a system controller, and a package aggregator for aggregating storage capacity of the plurality of the plurality of high density storage systems disposed within the system controller housing.

Accordingly, Krum et al. fail to disclose, teach or suggest the invention as described in the new and amended claims.

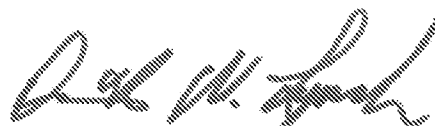
On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicant, David W. Lynch, at 423-757-0264.

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